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| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fees Paid (\$) |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEESFee Description

| | | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
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| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) | | 50 |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) | | 200 |
| Multiple dependent claims | | 380 |

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
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| Indep. Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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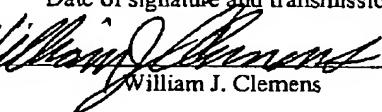
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as indicated on the following pages.

It is respectfully requested that the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action, dated October 7, 2004, be extended one month to February 7, 2005. A Fee Transmittal form, PTO/SB/17, is enclosed herewith authorizing a charge our Deposit Account No. 12-2136. Should any additional time be required, please consider this a conditional petition therefore, and charge our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,


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